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1. According to a German craftsman and two civilian businessmen, the Neue Kaserne on the west side of Leipzigerstrasse, Altenburg (N 51/K 27), quartered about 1,100 artillery troops between 6 and 8 February 1951. The lights in the installation at dusk indicated that the quarters were occupied to capacity. The billeting area was guarded from three watchtowers at the rear and from an observation platform on top of a building fronting on Leipzigerstrasse. No heavy weapons were seen at the installation until 8 February.

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2. The Alte Kaserne on the east side of Leipzigerstrasse was occupied by 800 to 900 artillery troops and a few engineers. An infantry company which arrived in Altenburg aboard the express train from Leipzig on 24 January moved into the Alte Kaserne and has been quartered there since. Its personnel wore red-bordered crimson epaulets. The lights in the installation indicated that it was occupied to capacity.

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3. The former German ammunition depot on the road to Windischleuba, which is located 1 1/2 km from the barracks installations in Altenburg, was guarded by a patrol of two Soviet soldiers in daytime and by two patrols of two Soviet soldiers each at night. The depot contained 40 low brick buildings, each measuring about 5x8 meters. The four observation towers in the depot area were not occupied.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The estimates of the number of troops in the two barracks installations may be correct. It is believed that the two

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installations quarter component units of the 43d Gun Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army and elements of the 38th AT Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. In addition, the Neue Kaserne may also quarter a component unit of the 13th AAA Div. The infantry unit which arrived on 24 January is believed to have been a guard company.

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